

1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA
3 AT BECKLEY
 CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:16-cv-12204

4 JASON K. STRATTON

PLAINTIFF

5 v.

6 ARCH COAL, INC., a foreign corporation,
7 MINGO LOGAN COAL COMPANY, a foreign
8 corporation, and ARCH COAL GROUP, LLC,
 a foreign corporation

DEFENDANTS

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12 VIDEOTAPE DEPOSITION OF
13 AMON LESLIE MAHON, JR.

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18 Lexington, Kentucky
19 September 28, 2017

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22 Lisa Larson Colston, FCRR, RPR
23 Federal Certified Realtime Reporter

1 MR. NEW: Okay.

2 A I talk to Jason all the time. He's my
3 brother-in-law. So...

4 Q Did Jason ever receive a target letter, to your
5 knowledge?

6 A I don't even know what a target letter is.

7 Q All right. You would if you had ever got one or
8 knew somebody who did.

9 In the time frame you were talking with David
10 Runyon about this kickback scheme, what time frame
11 was that?

12 A It had to be somewhere in like 2008 to 2010 range.
13 And subsequently, now, I've got two phone calls
14 from David. Because, I mean, I've had lots of --
15 I've been in his office.

16 Q Sure.

17 A But I got two phone calls from him threatening
18 Jason, that he would -- if -- for Jason to shut
19 his mouth or he would fire Jason and for -- as his
20 brother-in-law, for me to calm him down. So...

21 MS. MORGAN: I'm going to interpose
22 a hearsay objection to that.

23 MR. NEW: Okay.

24 Q Roughly when did those two phone calls,

1 threatening to fire Jason, come about?

2 MS. MORGAN: Continuing objection.

3 MR. NEW: I'll give you all the
4 objections you want, Madame.

5 Q When -- when roughly?

6 A 2009 to 2012, those two times. One of them was
7 even at Jason's mother's house when I got the
8 phone call from him on my mobile.

9 Q All right. So David Runyon called you while you
10 were at Jason's mother's house?

11 A Jason's mother's house, that's right. Near
12 Christmastime, too. So...

13 He wanted to make sure that -- that he got
14 the message. So...

15 Q And what was the nature of Runyon's concern about
16 Jason and this investigation?

17 A Runyon told me that none of this was true, it was
18 all crap, and that Jason needed to shut up. So...

19 Q Did you ask Jason about the particulars of --

20 A I went -- I talked to Jason. I said, "Jason, you
21 know -- you know, you need to think that --
22 that -- that he can fire you, that you have got to
23 be careful of that."

24 So, and, Jason told me he wasn't -- he --